

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	Amlan Datta, et al.
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Examiner:	Queenie S. Dehghan
For:	Synthetic Microspheres and Methods of Making Same

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**AMENDMENT  
PURSUANT TO REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION  
[Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c)]**

Dear Sir:

Applicants submit this paper in reply to an Office Action made final and mailed October 14, 2008. The amendments and remarks as provided herein are filed pursuant to a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 submitted concurrently herewith.

In view of the following amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment, believed necessary to bring prosecution to a speedy conclusion and to deal justly by Applicants and the public. Applicants submit that the Amendment provided herewith defines their invention in claims that will give them patent protection to which they are justly entitled. This Amendment does not introduce matter requiring an additional search on the part of

the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and request allowance of claims pending in their Application for patent.

Provided herewith and for consideration with the above-identified Application are:

**Amendments to the Claims** reflected in the Listing of Claims that begin on page 3;

**Remarks** that begin on page 7; and

**Conclusion** that begins on page 10 of this paper.